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BIG DEMAND ON EDUCATION

Modern Life Requires That It Shall
Furnish Opportunities for the
Fullest Individualism.

Opportunities for the fullest individualism is the demand which modern life makes upon education. The school should be an experiment station replete with alluring incentives to intellectual growth. Here, aided by the helpful sympathy of teachers who have discovered the difference between schooling and education, children could try their powers, and moments of enthusiasm be utilized for mental growth in various lines. Mental tendencies, like animal instincts, must be coaxed out by stimulating situations, and the present school environment is too barren to offer the needed excitement. Boys are continually trying to understand themselves, to find the occupation that their nature vaguely craves, but the pedagogical curriculum pulls them back to the average child. The teachers go on trying to strike an intellectual spark with the mental temperature at zero. This is not only an extravagant waste of educational forces, but what is far more serious, it awakens hatred of study in those whose mental organization does not suit the school plan. The restraint of a system suited to the average child inhibits the powers of unusual children and awakens resentment. Uniformity in treatment and instruction suppresses the tendency to vary and creates dullards. Edgar James Swift, in Harper's Magazine.

THOUGHT IT SACRED RITES

Morning Gymnastics of a Traveler
Caused Kurds in Armenia to Leave
the General Room.

Everything is liable to be misunderstood, even gymnastic exercises. This truth was brought home to George H. Hepworth, and he tells his experience in "Through Armenia on Horseback." The author was stopping in a Kurdish village, and the inn possessed but one general living room. In the morning I began my regular gymnastics, stooping until my fingers touched the floor, throwing my arms about like the spokes of a wheel, striking out from the shoulder, and going through all the exercises, none of which I ever omitted. I would gladly have taken a sponge bath, but it would have been impossible to get enough water; a pint is enough to suffice a Turk.

Well, I got under way with my exercises, when I saw that my audience was excited; conversation dropped in a whisper, then ceased; word passed from one to another, and one by one the occupants of the room quietly left. I feared that they were offended, and wanted to call them back and apologize. Just then then my dragoman entered, laughing.
"What has happened?" I asked.
He laughed the harder as he replied:
"The Kurds think you are practicing devotional religious exercises, and they retired under the impression that you would regard their presence as an intrusion."—Youth's Companion.

A Belding Bess.
"Before I take this dress," said the woman to the home-dressmaker, who was fitting a party gown, "I want to go into the kitchen and read the riot act to Maria."

"Oh, not with this dress on," the dressmaker protested. "She is cooking and the grease might pop."
"Can't help it," the woman interrupted. "Maria needs a lecture. She has been needing it for some time, but I didn't dare deliver it because I hadn't good enough clothes to make it effective. Maria is black and lately from the south. She judges people by the clothes they wear. If I had been in my old blue and skirt or even in my old blue and skirt, Maria would have said, 'What a fine dress!'"
With all this theory on I can speak my piece and Maria will be properly impressed and maybe she will reform.

The Moon on Fish.

A recent report of the Scotch fishery board mentioned a curious habit which, according to fishermen, is associated with fish; the phases of the moon. It is said that the fish are most plentiful during the full moon, and that the best catches were found to have coincided with the new moon and the smallest with full moon. The report suggested that a full moon enabled the nets to be seen much more easily than at times of new moon or the present phase or that the tides, which vary with the lunar phases, were possible factors in the matter.—Westminster Gazette.

Fastidious Tastes of the Porker.
An apology is due to the farm yard pig, who has been grossly maligned in regard to his food. Instead of being ready to eat anything, he has just proved himself the most fastidious of animals. Experiments recently carried on in France and Sweden show him to be the case. In Sweden the record tells that out of 875 plants the pig ate 449 and refused 426; the sheep, out of 494 plants ate 181 and refused 313; but the pig ate the pig only 78 and refused the other 176.

EXPERT COWBOYS OF SPAIN

Mounted Herdsmen of the Andalusian
Plains are Fine Looking Fellows
and Skillful Horsemen.

The perfection of Spanish horsemanship is to be seen among the vaqueros, gauderos or garrochistas, by which various names the mounted herdsmen of the Andalusian plains are known—in brief, what we should call a cowboy. Every farm seems to maintain a large number of these, for each herd, flock or drove has its own herdsmen, goatherd, or swineherd, as the case may be. The vaqueros are a fine-looking lot of men. Tall, thin, light and loosely made, they look ideal horsemen—as, in point of fact, they are; though their mounts are poor. The vaquero rides very high on a huge saddle, with a long stirrup and straight leg, using a single rein and a very heavy curb—but he has such beautiful hands that, although using this barbarous bit, he never cuts his horse's mouth about. It is different with the animal's sides, however, for he uses his spurs without mercy, and the white horses of which there are a large number—all have ominous red stains behind the girths. All the herdsmen who "took" after the carry a long lance called a garrocha of thick and heavy wood, which, except when standing still, they always carry "in rest" and not "at the carry," presumably on account of its great length and possibly its weight. With this weapon, in the use of which he acquires amazing dexterity, the garrochista is able to control the most unruly brutes in his herd, not excepting the savage fighting bull.—Wide World.

HINTS FOR HOUSECLEANING

Timely Instructions for Men Which
Will Enable Them to Get the
Task Done in Short Order.

Housecleaning time is dreaded justly by a great many people, but the thoughtful husband may get it through with in short order. Washing windows, for instance, is always gone about in such an awkward way, the window being washed in statu quo, so to speak. A simpler way is to take the windows out and send them to the laundry.

Dusting the pictures is also usually attended with much hard work. A quick and simple plan is to take hold of the frame, and swing the picture back and forth, hitting it sharply against the wall each time. This dislodge dust, which falls to the floor and may easily be swept up. If you have no vacuum cleaner, you may improvise one with an old bicycle pump by attaching a funnel to the nozzle. Then work the pump backward, so that, instead of forcing the air out it will be drawn in. The rugs may soon be cleaned in this way.

Washing the woodwork is another futile procedure. Simply get a few gallons of paint and paint over the grime on the woodwork. To repolish the hardwood floors, take your wife's manicure buffer and sit down in a comfortable position and go to work. You will be surprised at what a pleasant way this will be to while away the evenings.—Judge.

Paying Taxes in Kind.

The natives of the Congo pay their taxes in kind, as might be expected in a territory just beginning to be civilized. The value of domestic animals in that country is such that one wishes it were nearer London, in view of the high price of meat here. A bullock is valued at about 15s. 6d., a cow 12s. 2s., a horse 25s. 15s., sheep 1s. 3d. The camel commands the highest price, viz. 24.
The custom of payment in kind is not so remote as most persons would think. The Reverend the late Professor Flint of Edinburgh, we know, has stated that during the time he was professor of moral philosophy in St. Andrews he was accustomed to receive part of the emoluments of his chair in kind from the farms belonging to the university. This would be prior to 1876, in which year he was translated to Edinburgh.—London Globe.

Uncle Hiram to His Nephew.

"Stevy," said Uncle Hiram to his hopeful young nephew, "while I think of it let me tell you a little one, something that you can let down in your memory."
"When you come to get grown up and in business for yourself, employing many people and hiring other people to look after them, bear this in mind when it comes to hiring horses:—
"Whatever his other merits may be, never hire a man for a horse unless he has also good sound health. A healthy, hearty man who is feeling good and cheerful himself all the time can get out of men twice the work that can be got by a man in poor health and feeling all the time sour and grumpy."

Should Be Binding Oath.

For devout and frenzied oath, the following administered to the officials of Islam, is not likely to be broken:—"May the blood flow from the veins, may crocodiles devour me, may I be condemned to carry water to the flames of hell in vessels without bottoms. After death may I enter into the body of a slave. May I suffer the harshest treatment during all times in years as numerous as the sands of the sea. May I be reborn dead, dumb and blind and afflicted with dire maladies. May I also be thrown into Morak—the lower regions—and tortured by Frey Yam. If I break the oath."

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Chancery Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
34th Judicial Circuit,
In Chancery.

Harry E. Packer,
Complainant,
vs.
Anthony Colkina,
Defendant.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery at Grayling, Michigan, on the 13th day of March A. D., 1911.

In this case, it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant is not a resident of this state, that he did reside in the state of Illinois and that his present residence cannot be ascertained; On motion of Geo. L. Alexander, Complainant's solicitor, it is ordered, that the appearance of said defendant, Anthony Colkina, be entered herein, within five months from the date of this order, and that within twenty days the complainant cause this order to be published in the Crawford Avalanche, said publication to be continued once in each week for six weeks in succession. OSCAR PALMER, Circuit Court Commissioner. GEO. L. ALEXANDER, Solicitor for Complainant.

Sale of State Tax Lands.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Auditor General's Department,
Lansing, April 1, 1911.

NOTICE is hereby given that certain lands situated in the county of Crawford bid off to the State for taxes of 1907 and previous years, and described in statements which will be forwarded to the office of the Treasurer of said County, and may be seen at said office previous to the day said, will be sold at public auction by said Treasurer, at the County Seat, on the first Tuesday of May next, at the time, and place designated for the Annual Tax Sale, if not previously redeemed or cancelled according to law. Said statements contain a full description of each parcel of said lands. ORAMEL B. FULLER, Auditor General.

For Sale.

The S 1/2 of the N W 1/4 of section 8, T 28 N of Range 3 West, Crawford County, Mich., 20 acres cleared, good well on the land, hardwood stump land on main traveled road, 2 1/2 miles from Waters, nice lake one-fourth mile from land, will take \$250.00 cash for the same. Call or write.

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For Sale.

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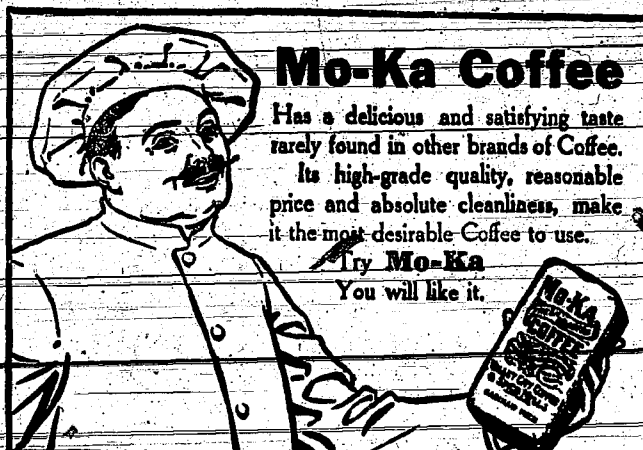
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Mortgage Sale.

Whereas Gilbert Vallad and Nina Vallad, his wife of Crawford County, Michigan made and executed a certain mortgage bearing date the 21st day of June 1909 to Nelson Gage of Houghton Lake, Michigan, which was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Crawford on the 28th day of June A. D. 1909, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, in liber E of mortgages on page 68, and whereas the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage is the sum of Fifty and 50-100ths (\$50.50) dollars for principal and interest, and an attorney fee of \$15.00 as provided by statute, and said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings have been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby, or any part thereof; And whereas default has been made in the payment of the money secured by said mortgage, whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative.

Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance thereof, and the statute of said state made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises in public venue to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House at Grayling, in said County of Crawford, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within said county on the 12th day of June A. D. 1911, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon; the description of said premises contained in said mortgage is as follows:—
The south west quarter (1/4) of the south east quarter (1/4) of section twenty-five (25), township twenty-eight (28) north of range three (3) west, township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan.
Dated March 10th, 1911.

NELSON GAGE, Mortgagee.
GAFFNEY & MILTNER, Attorneys for Mortgagee.
Business address Lake City, Michigan.
March 13th

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford
In the matter of the estate of Charles Johnson, deceased.
Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 31st day of March A. D. 1911 were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the Court House, in the Village of Grayling, in said county, on the 24th day of June A. D. 1911, and on the 22nd day of July A. D. 1911, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.
Dated Grayling, April 3d, A. D. 1911.
OSCAR PALMER, ADALBERT TAYLOR, Commissioners.

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Society Meetings.

Methodist Episcopal Church.
Pastor Rev. James Levy. Preaching, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school 10 a. m. Epworth League, 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. J. Humphrey Fleming, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church
Regular church services at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School immediately after morning service. V. P. S. C. at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. J. Humphrey Fleming, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church.
Rev. Wm. Terhune, Pastor. Services as follows: Preaching Wednesday, 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the above services.

Danish Ev. Lutheran Church
Rev. P. Kjolhaug, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Biblical Lecture Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

St. Mary's Catholic Church.
Services every first and third Sunday of the month. Confession on the Wednesday preceding. On Sunday, mass at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7 o'clock, p. m. J. J. Rick, Pastor.

Grayling Lodge No. 366 F. & A. M.
Meets in regular communication on Thursday evening on or before the full of the moon. (ALFRED COLLEEN, W. M. J. F. HUM, Sec'y.)

Marvin Post No. 246, G. A. R.
Meets the second and fourth Saturdays in each month at 8 p. m. J. H. VERNON, Post Com. A. L. POND, Adjutant.

Women's Relief Corps, No. 162.
Meets on the second and fourth Saturdays at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.
MRS. E. L. BROTT, President. MRS. G. W. VERNON, Sec'y.

Grayling Chapter H. A. M. No. 180
Meets every third Tuesday in each month.
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Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p. m.
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Meets first and third Saturdays of each month.
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Garfield Circle, No. 16, Ladies of the G. A. R.
Meets the second and fourth Friday evening in each month.
ANNA HARRINGTON, President. BESSIE OAKS, Secretary.

Crawford County Grange, No. 894
Meets first and third Saturdays of each month at 8 p. m.
PERRY OSTRANDER, Master. GEO. W. BROTT, Secretary.

M. W. O. A. Camp No. 10428.
Meets first and third Thursdays at 8 p. m. H. HELL, C. M. McCULLUGH, V. C. M. A. BATES, Clerk.

Grayling Rebekah Lodge No. 3521 O. O. F.
Meets every Monday evening.
BESSIE CRANDALL, N. G. ADA BORCHERS, Sec'y.

Skandinavian F. F.
Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.
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How Sea Birds Drink.

Under the headline, Where Do They Get Water? a writer in the Young Folks' Catholic Weekly says: "When I was a cabin boy I often used to wonder seeing birds thousands of miles out to sea, what they did for fresh water when they were thirsty. One day a squall assured that question for me. It was a hot and glittering day in the tropics, and in the clear sky overhead a black rain cloud appeared all of a sudden. Then out of empty space over a hundred sea birds came, darting from every direction. They got under the rain cloud, and waited there for about ten minutes, circling round and round, and when the rain began to fall they drank their fill. In the tropics, where the great sea birds sail thousands of miles away from shore, they get their drinking water in this way. They smell out a storm a long way off, they travel a hundred miles to get under it, and they swallow enough raindrops to keep them going." New York Tribune.



This world is but a fleeting show, and yet there's not a man but wants to see as much of the performance as he can.

No Excuse at All.

M. C. Goodwin, the comedian, was condemning a few comedy at a dinner in New York.

"It's a climax," he said, "is false and unattractive—as false and unattractive as Rowland's excuse."

"On Rowland's return at a very late hour, his wife said reproachfully: 'You used to vow I was the sunshine of your life, but now you stay out night after night.'"

"Well, my love," said Rowland, "I don't ask for sunshine after dark."

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PLANNING FLOWER GARDEN REQUIRES CAREFUL STUDY

Carpet Bedding Plans Are Only Effective When Certain Kinds of Foliage Are Used—Ribbon Beds Are Easiest of All to Make.

(By EBBEN M. REXFORD.)

Personally I am not much of an admirer of carpet or ribbon bedding or the "designs" which the enthusiastic amateur gardener frequently attempts, but I am sure to abandon later in the season, because he discovers that design work out unsatisfactorily in annuals.

The fact is, carpet bedding plants are only effective when certain kinds of foliage plants are used—because they can be kept within their proper limits by shearing and pruning, while the annuals have too much "sprawl" to be tractable and very few kinds give a sufficient mass of bloom to produce the desired effect.

We are likely to think that because a plant has yellow, red or blue flowers, that it will prove effective wherever these colors are desired, but we lose sight of the fact that the flowers will be so few in number and so far apart that there is seldom any solid color effect such as is necessary in properly working out patterns.

This being the case, only the simpler designs should be attempted with annuals, and only such effects aimed at, as can be produced by contrast in which harmony plays an important part.

Ribbon beds are easiest of all to make. Very pleasing ones can be made with pink, pale yellow, and white phlox, planted in rows. If darker colors are preferred, the scarlet and crimson can be used, always combining them with white to give the necessary contrast and relief.

Do not use the soft, delicate colors.

Next to them the circular bed is easiest to make. I would not advise too many colors.

Have the center of one color, say lavender, if asters are used, then a row of pale pink, with white in the outside row.

A very brilliant combination is made by filling the center of a circular bed with calliopsis, rich yellow and maroon, and surrounding it with white and pale yellow phlox.

The contrast between the dark, rich yellow of the calliopsis and the softer shade of the same color in the phlox is charming.

If another color seems advisable use pink phlox. This harmonizes beautifully with the stronger tones of the calliopsis.

The center of a circular bed can be filled with scarlet salvia, with nasturtiums as a border. The contrast between the fiery scarlet and the rich tones of yellow and orange and sulphur found in the latter plant, is exceedingly lovely, while the peagreen foliage of the nasturtium affords just the right amount of that color to bring into strong relief the blossoms of both plants. Such a bed any one can make with very little trouble.

A charming hedge is made by planting scarlet salvia in a row as a background, then a row of white nicotiana, with blue ageratum as a border. Here we have the patriotic colors of our flag effectively combined.

The blue of the ageratum and the scarlet of the salvia would prove a rather violent contrast if planted next each other, but separated by the white of the nicotiana, their aggressiveness is toned down in such a manner as to produce a pleasing effect.

A beautiful hedge is made by using dianthus in the back row, then calliopsis with white phlox as a border.

Ribbon beds can be worked out with good effect by using different colors of the verbena in rows. Such beds are most pleasing when near the house or close to the path, where they can be looked down upon.

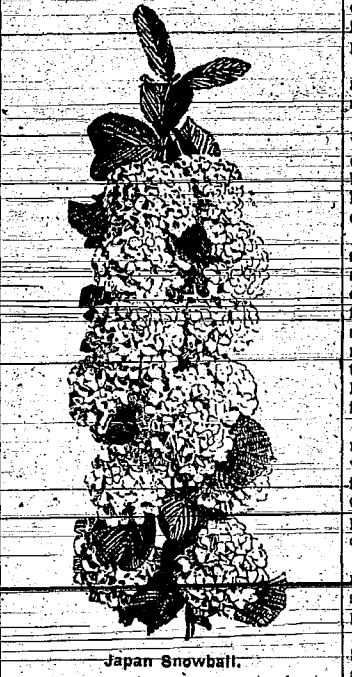
But in order to carry out such designs with this flower, it will be necessary to purchase plants of each color from the florist, who grows them from cuttings. Seedlings are quite sure to bring plants of all colors common to the family, therefore are not to be depended upon where it is absolutely necessary to have each color in its proper place.

Those who have old plants of geranium, which have been kept over the winter in the house, can utilize them in the summer by planting them out in rows, the effect will be most pleasing if the pinks and scarlets and crimsons can be kept by themselves.

Try combining them with such annuals as white phlox, yellow calliopsis, white nicotiana, or, in the case of pink sorts, lavender ageratum.

If you have old plants of Madam Sallier geranium, break them apart and use the cuttings as secured, for border purposes. Each cutting will be almost sure to take root.

Put them in the ground where they are to grow, about eight inches apart, pinching the soil firmly about the base of each. In six weeks' time they will have made a fair showing, and by midsummer they will have grown together in a most attractive row of green and white. This is one of our best edging plants.



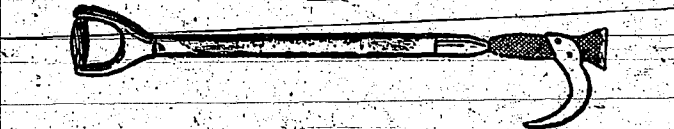
Japan Snowball.

with the stronger tones, as there is a lack of harmony between them.

Asters can be planted in rows of white and lavender, with very pleasing results, provided the same kind is used in each row.

Ribbon beds would become monotonous if we were to confine ourselves to them, therefore it is advisable to have something else for a change.

PRUNING HOOK IS HOME-MADE



The pain of scratches and picks comes readily to one's imagination as he thinks of pruning the raspberry bushes or other bush fruits, especially where he has not had good tools for performing the job, says the Michigan Farmer.

The work is so miserable that it is generally left undone. The illustrated pruning hook will help to overcome many of the undesirable features connected with cleaning out of the hills on these fruits. The hook is used for cutting those canes that can be hoisted, and for this purpose the inner edge of the hook is made sharp, while the spud is for supporting such canes as happen to stand close to another that is to be left or is otherwise situated that the hook can not be used. The spud cuts the cane nearer the ground than can be done with the hook. Both are, however, very necessary for a complete implement. Besides its use in cutting, the hook is convenient in pulling the pruned canes from among the standing ones into the row where they can be gathered and taken from the plan-

tation. The implement is made of the handle of a short-handled fork and two old files. The files are forged to make the hook and spud and riveted together as shown in the illustration. The end opposite the spud is shaped to fit into the handle. It is firmly secured in order to stand the strain necessary in the work to be done. Armed with such a tool and a good pair of gloves one can go about the canes, cut out the undesirable ones and get them out of the way without suffering the hardships encountered when endeavoring to do the work with a fork.

Let rainy day go to your own force, every farmer should have one, or if not provided, to your blacksmith and have a hook made. Then, when the rainy day is over and you can get into the berry patch, see how well the hook does the drudged job.

Destroy Peach Borers.

Peach borers are best destroyed by digging them out. While it is a slow process there is really no other way.

SWEET PEAS FIVE MONTHS

Directions Given for Planting and Care of Plants Whereby One May Have a Fine Crop During Season.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.)

Dig a trench as long as wanted and 18 inches to two feet deep and at the bottom put a layer of old manure. Cover with soil that has been made fairly rich with well rotted manure. Down the center run two furrows eight inches deep and ten inches wide, fill with well rotted manure or leaf mold and mix with the surrounding soil.

Make two trenches again five inches deep and eight inches apart and in these sow the seed two inches apart and cover about one inch with soil well mixed. Little by little as the peas grow, fill up the trench. When the peas are four inches high provide chicken wire trellises or brush for

them to climb on. The following precautions will procure a long flowering season.

Buy the best seed you can procure fresh each year. Get the seed planted as early as possible; don't try to work wet, heavy soil, wait until the earth is fit to be worked. Don't kill and don't trench; give level cultivation; mulch with lawn clippings or cut straw.

Water thoroughly when the soil is dry and springs every few days to root insects.

Above all, cut the blooms every day with a pair of shears and don't pinch or pull the vines. Peas prefer a firm soil, generously enriched with rotten manure or leaf mold.

Raising Plants.

Some plant growers prefer to cover all kinds of seeds with pure sand. It is claimed that there is less tendency to damp off and the little seedlings get through the sand without any difficulty, says a writer in an exchange. I have seen this plan used with entire success in two or three greenhouses.

TAFT EXTENDS REFORM HIS PLANS FOR CIVIL SERVICE QUIETLY FORWARDED.

Democratic Investigators Will Be Surprised to Find How Much the President Has Done in This Line.

When the Democratic house, in its search for political capital, begins its promised investigation of administrative affairs, it may find something it is not looking for. Neither the general public nor the average congressman, new or old, is aware of the extent to which President Taft has extended civil service reform in the federal departments.

Whether or not he has carried the big stick, the president, in this as in other things, has stepped softly. He has succeeded in forwarding his civil service plans without engendering friction with senators, congressmen or influential politicians. In this progress he has been greatly aided by the members of his cabinet, who, fortunately, are reformers at least in respect to the quality of work done for the government.

Without the existence of any compelling law, the most important of the collectors, appraisers, surveyors and other minor offices in the same branch of the treasury department practically out of politics. An obligation, rigidly enforced, is laid upon every appointee, to these places to refrain from political activity. The same principle has been applied in the internal revenue service, the mines and the assay offices. Good results have come quickly, nowhere in a more striking manner than in the New York custom house. There many incompetent have been dismissed and a number of dishonest employees arrested and convicted.

But of even more importance has been the initiation of a system whereby civil employees of the government will neither be thrust into the world nor be tempted to embezzle the departments when they have reached the point where they are incapable of performing their duties efficiently. A retirement fund is maintained by the employees and from it each faithful worker is paid a certain percentage of his former salary when his services are no longer sufficiently useful to warrant his retention. In case a contributing employee leaves the service before the age of retirement the money he has paid in is returned with interest. Thus has been solved a problem which has troubled the government for many years.

The president may surprise the investigating committees by co-operating with them and asking for their assistance to make the civil service even better. It is probable that he will not only be able to do this but that he will be able to do it with a minimum of congressional assistance. It is perhaps to be expected that he will take that course.

Unpatriotic Imputations.

One of the most unfortunate, mischievous and discreditable features of the Mexican border episode has been the readiness with which the zeal of some Americans to impute the worst motives to their own government in the exceedingly delicate, yet momentous, operations which it has been performing. It was obvious that the massing of our army near the Mexican frontier was an act which called for the utmost discretion and tact, both in the doing of it and in discussions of it in order that there should be no unnecessary wounding of susceptibilities or arousing of groundless suspicions. But the momentary misimpression there was a charge of unpatriotic and intemperate comment and interpretation, ascribing to our government either ineptitude or wickedness—New York Tribune.

National Danger.

Only three American vessels passed through the Suez canal last year. Japan was far ahead of us, with 72 vessels and a tonnage of 483,000, against 10,000 credited to the United States. England was first with 2,776 ships, Germany second with 635 and France third with 240. Austria and Russia coming next in order. During 1910 a total of 4,833 vessels used the canal, with a tonnage of 23,000,000, an increase for the year of 1,500,000 tons. At the Suez the tonnage was three times as great as that at Suez, but the growth of traffic in both waterways is rapid and an illustration of the value of permanent ship channels. Both also give an indication of what may be expected when the Panama canal is opened. But if the American flag on commercial vessels is to be as rare there as in the Suez canal the results of neglecting the merchant marine will be still more humiliating.

Among the things being grievously neglected by the public on account of the ruthless war is a choice assortment of Democratic presidential booms.

They Have the Chance.

Mr. Livingston, who retires from congress, for the lack of appreciation at home for his talents as a legislator, comes forward with the customary claim that the Republican appropriation work has been lavish and wasteful and that the Democrats will do much better by the taxpayers when they get a chance. Their chance is at hand. They have been commissioned the country to start the appropriations work in the house and next winter the test of their performance will come.

As a Cynic Sees It.

We are informed by the esteemed Kansas City Star that "the average citizen has only one chance in 24,000 to live to be 100 years old." Sometimes the average citizen almost convinces us that one chance in 24,000 is too many.

To Clean Steel.

Steel, when rusty, may be cleaned by giving the article a good coating of sweet oil, leaving it for a few days and then rubbing it with unslacked lime.

CANADIANS AND RECIPROCITY

Dominion, Being Much Smaller Than United States, Will Be More Deeply Affected.

A test vote in the Canadian house of commons has shown that the reciprocity agreement framed and supported by the Laurier ministry is a little weaker than the party in power. Two of the Liberals broke away from the majority and voted for a motion to postpone action on the agreement until after a general election shall have been held. All of the members of the Conservative minority stood solidly against reciprocity.

This indicates that the sentiment for the compact arranged between the Taft administration and the Laurier ministry is more widely favorable in the United States than it is in the Dominion. Here it has broken party lines more, and it seems to command the support of a larger majority of the people.

One reason doubtless is that Canada is so much smaller than her big neighbor that the Dominion will be more deeply affected by the changes proposed than the United States can be. If two lakes, one of which is ten times as big as the other, are on different levels and a channel is opened between them the small one, not the large, will feel and show the effects in an important degree.

Canada is the little lake and reciprocity will affect the Dominion many times more deeply and vitally than it can touch this country, one way or the other.

Tariff and the Extra Session.

The Chicago Tribune, a Republican journal, not unfrequently to downward tariff revision, in an article opposing revision at the extra session, says:

"There are tariff schedules which need revision notably schedule K. But it is more than doubtful whether any general revision such as the Democrats seem to contemplate would be accepted by the senate, even though it has lost some of its sturdiest supporters. Then there would be no legislation. Then the Democrats would say next year: 'We tried to lessen the tariff burdens of the people, but the Republican senate stood in the way.' 'Why not a tariff be assumed that a wish to get ammunition for the next presidential campaign has something to do with the determination of the house Democrats to take up tariff revision now? But it is a policy which has its risks. If the house should frame a tariff bill, and the senate reject it, and the reports of the tariff commission or board made next winter should show that the proposed duties were 'unreasonably and disastrously low, there would be no campaign ammunition for the Democrats. The popular conclusion would be that, when it came to tariff legislation, the Democrats were bluffers, humbugs, ignoramuses.'"

It would be wiser for them to await the reports of the experts. Then they would have facts instead of theories to guide them. They would be in position to re-estimate intelligently, if they were to frame a tariff bill based on facts, and the senate were to reject it, then indeed they would have a strong case before the people.

"The business interests of the country would be best consulted by putting through the Canadian reciprocity agreement, creating a tariff commission, and letting general revision wait until better advised."

Until Death Do Them Part.

William J. Bryan prints in black type on the Commoner's front page this insistent and instantaneous program for the Democratic party at the coming extra session of congress:

"First—Let it (congress) ratify the reciprocity agreement, the failure to ratify which brought about the special session.

"Second—Let it admit Arizona and New Mexico.

"Third—Let it submit a constitutional amendment providing for election of United States senators by direct vote.

"Fourth—Let it reduce the tariff schedule by schedule."

Certainly. And then let a special committee be appointed to compose serial explanations for the president's campaign—this time in the form of a tariff schedule.

Setting forth according to familiar precedents how it was the profligacy and iniquity of the Republican party, and not the idocy of the Democracy, that caused the great panic of 1912.

Verily, a fool and his folly are never separated until death do them part.

Champ Clark Finds that the House is in bad condition on the eve of the first session of the first Democratic house in many years. He is rushing the necessary repairs. This is wise: The mace will be needed.

"At least Champ Clark will not apply the gag rule to the house," declares an enthusiastic Democratic contemporary. But it may become necessary for the house to apply the gag to Champ.

The Civil Service Law.

President Taft urges an extension of the civil service law to cover consular and diplomatic appointments, but complaints are made that with an eligible list of forty-five, two appointments have just been made to the consular service by a backdoor route. Nobody supposes that the president is otherwise than perfectly sincere, but among the lower employees of the government there is a very powerful temptation to secure the gratitude or avert the wrath of a prominent man.

How Rumors Start.

"I hear that her father has lost his money and that she has gone to work in a millinery shop."

"Nothing to it. She is spending most of her time in a millinery shop just now, but that's because she is trying on hats."

Convincing Kansas Arguments.

We don't like to be preached to, but if a man six feet tall comes to us with a revolver in one hand and a bowie knife in the other, we will listen. Clyde Voice.

Before Allowing an Operation

Please Read These Two Letters.

The following letter from Mrs. Orville Rock will prove how unwise it is for women to submit to the dangers of a surgical operation when it may be avoided by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She was four weeks in the hospital and came home suffering worse than before. Then after all that suffering Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored her health.

HERE IS HER OWN STATEMENT.

Paw Paw, Mich. — "Two years ago I suffered very severely with a displacement. My physician operated on me for several months without much relief, and at last sent me to Ann Arbor for an operation. I was there four weeks and came home suffering worse than before. My mother advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I did. To-day I am well and strong and do all my own housework. I owe my health to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and advise every woman who is afflicted with any female complaint to try it." — Mrs. Orville Rock, R. R. No. 5, Paw Paw, Mich.

"There never was a worse case of woman's ill than mine, and I cannot begin to tell you what I suffered. For over two years I was not able to do anything. I was in bed for a month and the doctor said nothing but an operation would cure me. My father suggested Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, so to please him I took it and I am now perfectly well, so I am able to travel, ride horseback, take long rides and never feel any ill effects from it. I can only ask other suffering women to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial before submitting to an operation." — Mrs. Margaret Meredith, R. F. D. No. 3, Rockport, Ind.

We will pay a handsome reward to any person who will prove to us that these letters are not genuine and truthful—or that either of these women were paid in any way for their testimonials, or that the letters are published without their permission, or that the original letters from each did not come to us entirely unsolicited.

For 30 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been the standard remedy for female ill. No sick woman does justice to herself who will not try this famous medicine. Made exclusively from roots and herbs, and has thousands of cures to its credit.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health free of charge. Address Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

IN THE VERNACULAR:

Indication of Wisdom.

"Why do they call the owl the bird of wisdom?"

"It stays out all night and doesn't tell what it sees or does." Judge.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate women, their bowels. Sugar coated, tiny granules. Easy to take as candy.

We always like those who admire us, we do not always like those whom we admire. — Francis Duc de Rochefort.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

Away with these cemeteries of stunts, they are indecent, let me fade into the anonymous grass!

Take Garfield Tea to overcome constipation, cleanse system and maintain health.

Why quarrel over religions when all men agree—all men, that is, at the same grade of intellect?

Sickly Smile

Wipe it off your otherwise good looking face—put on that good looking smile that CAS-CARETS will give you—as a result from the cure of Constipation—or a torpid liver. It's so easy—do it—you'll see.

CASCARETS 10c a box for a week's treatment, all druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Millions boxes a month.

The Farmer's Son's Great Opportunity

Why wait for the old farm to become a 2000 acre plantation? Begin now to acquire a fine property and income. We have a fine property and income. We have a fine property and income. We have a fine property and income.

Private for your future security—acquire a fine property and income. We have a fine property and income. We have a fine property and income. We have a fine property and income.

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Crawford Avalanche.

O. PALMER, Editor and Proprietor.

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HomeCircleDepartment

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

BRIBED BY HIS POCKETBOOK.

Bribery of public officers is highly condemned by all honest men. The man who, holding public office, accepts bribe which influences his official conduct is properly denounced, as one contemporary puts it, as a traitor to his trust.

There is another bribery, however, more dangerous because more subtle, or which the law provides no punishment and for which only the whip of public scorn can afford penalty. This bribery is by one's own pocketbook. Some men who would scorn the bribe offered by another will accept without apparent misgiving bribery from themselves.

"It will hurt my business." This is the plea made by persons who are asked to take a stand for righteousness. It is a selfish plea, but it is no more; it is a criminal plea. It is on the same low plane of bribery that public opinion condemns and the criminal law punishes.

The reformer meets the evidence of this subtle form of bribery when he seeks the support of those who place self above principle. "Don't quote me it would hurt my business," is the reply to the newspaper reporter when some question of vital public concern is under discussion.

Conservatism is often another name for cowardice. Silence is golden sometimes but gold is the most cowardly of things. There is no bribery more poisonous than the bribery of one's own pocketbook. Such bribery corrupts the very foundations of public and private morality.

It is desirable to make a living, but it is necessary to make a life.

AN IDEAL HOME.

We hear a great deal these times about the ideal happy home, and men are not scarce who expect all the requisites for a happy home to come from one side of the house.

A woman may do her level best to make life and home happy for her husband and children, but if she is treated as a slave, and only given her board and clothing in payment for her services as mother, wife, cook, laundress, nurse, girl, chambermaid, and seamstress, is it any wonder that little or no happiness exists in that home?

If a mother spoils her son by pampering and waiting on him all the years of his childhood and boyhood, and making him think that a man should always be waited on by a woman of his household, is it strange that he expects a wife to do the same, and that in all likelihood, she either wears out in a few years or else becomes bitter or disheartened. We are often told that in every true and ideal marriage both husband and wife must learn to bear and forbear. In every home where happiness exists, there must be perfect trust, confidence and love between husband and wife. There are two kinds of sunshine in the world, and both quite necessary—the one which is caused by the sun's shining out door, and the other by shining in our hearts. It is the loving deeds, the cheerful hopeful words and the kindly thoughtfulness that each member of the family shows towards the others that makes an ideal happy home—a perfect heaven on earth.

WHY DIVORCE IS SO COMMON TODAY.

This generation sees divorce more frequent, not because men and women are more wicked, but because married life is made more difficult by the excitement and complexity and manifold strains of modern life, which render unhappy marriages more unendurable. A broad gap opens between the hot present and the dull quiet of other days, when the husband passed his day in a steady and continuous round of work, when no avenue in life but marriage opened before most women, and both men and women passed lives from which excitement, worry and the anxious rush of this day were absent. Any candid man who will reconstruct the life of sixty and eighty years ago will be convinced that, while that day had in it much of secret wickedness, as court and church records show, it had also conditions much less likely to prevent two people from leading quiet, uneventful and reasonably happy lives together.

Many now occupy back seats in the world who may occupy the front seats in the next.

If you are a twentieth century woman you are incapable of being idle and indolent. Unless you have a definite aim in life you don't belong to this age even if you were born some time during the last hundred years.

It is the fashion to be earnest, to have a brave brain and a loving heart, to be in touch with the times you

must be connected with some of the great reforms; it may be temperance or mission work. You may have a personal interest in one of the stupendous charities of the day; it is possible that woman's suffrage is claiming your attention. In any event, you must be interested in something besides fashion and other follies, for woman are coming to the front—may, are already there. Their feet are no longer in slippery places, they are learning how to be generous and helpful to each other, for the leaders are lending a hand to their less fortunate sisters. They extend it to all classes, from the woman who patters with patch work to the degraded devotee of Bacchus.

As we meet and talk with the friends we love, it will take no more to tell them we appreciate them and that they have helped us than to speak of many things that will not be half so welcome to hear as these words.

It Grows Hair

Here Are Facts We Want You to Prove at Our Risk

Marvelous as it may seem, Rexall "93" Hair Tonic has grown hair on heads that were once bald. Of course, in none of these cases were the hair roots dead, nor had the scalp taken on a glazed, shiny appearance.

Rexall "93" Hair Tonic acts scientifically, destroying the germs which are usually responsible for baldness. It penetrates to the roots of the hair, stimulating them. It is a most pleasant toilet necessity, is delicately perfumed, and will not gum or permanently stain the hair.

We want you to get a bottle of Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and use it as directed. If it does not relieve scalp irritation, remove dandruff, prevent the hair from falling out and promote an increased growth of hair, and in every way give entire satisfaction, simply come back and tell us, and without question or formality we will hand back to you every penny you paid us for it. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store. A. M. Lewis & Co.

Saginaw Presbytery.

The annual meeting of this important ecclesiastical body convened in the Presbyterian Church of this city, Friday, and was formally opened in the usual way with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. David Park of Midland.

At the close of the session the following officers were elected: Rev. J. S. Duffey of Ithaca, moderator and Rev. W. H. Long of Mt. Pleasant and Elder J. E. Nesbit of Tawas City, as temporary clerks. There was a fair representation of the pastors of the Presbytery present at this first session.

Tuesday's session of the Presbytery were occupied largely with the general routine of business which consisted in reports of the committees and the various interests of local churches.

The evening session of Tuesday was the big popular meeting of the Presbytery. It was presided over by Dr. A. F. Brusk of Alma College.

The local talent of Grayling furnished a musical program which reflected great credit upon the village. This consisted in a patriotic selection by the boys' orchestra, and cornet solo by Hon. F. G. Walton, a vocal solo by Fred Alexander, and an anthem by the choir.

Dr. Weber, missionary in Africa, then gave a most interesting address on the work in the Dark Continent, containing much of valuable statistics relative to the strange habits of the native African, and the wonderful progress made in that land.

The attendance of ministers at the Presbytery was unusually large, and all remained until the close of the Presbytery, which fact is unique in the history of the Presbytery.

The next meeting to be held in September, will be entertained by the Warren Ave. Church, Saginaw.

The brethren from abroad speak in very high terms of Grayling hospitality and regard it as an ideal place in which to meet.

For Constipation

A Medicine That Does Not Cost Anything Unless It Cures

The active medicinal ingredients of Rexall Orderlies, which are odorless, tasteless and colorless, is an entirely new discovery. Combined with other extremely valuable ingredients, it forms a perfect bowel regulator, intestinal invigorator and strengthener. Rexall Orderlies are eaten like candy and are portable for their agreeableness to the palate and gentleness of action. They do not cause griping or any disagreeable effect or inconvenience.

Unlike other preparations for a like purpose, they do not create a habit, but instead they overcome the cause of habit acquired through the use of ordinary laxatives, cathartics and harsh physic, and permanently remove the cause of constipation or irregular bowel action.

We will refund your money without argument if they do not do as we say they will. Two sizes, 25c. and 50c. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store. A. M. Lewis & Co.

About eight inches of snow last week, Tuesday and Wednesday, which had nearly disappeared Saturday.

Sees Texas Sunk.

Praises Gunnery.

Congressman Loud Says Men on Battleship Showed Superb Marksmanship.

SHOTS SHATTER OLD SHIP.

Michigan Member of House to Speak on Canal at Boston City Club Tonight.

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WE TAKE PLEASURE



in inviting you to view the Grandest Display of up-to-date merchandise ever shown in Grayling.

Our Men's Hand Tailored Ready to Wear Suits are the selections of 1911 modes for spring and summer that represents the latest styles and best materials of the Leading New York Tailors, your Easter Suit is here! Also a fine line of Hand Tailored Pants full Peg Tops for the young man, and others for the middle age, and the old man. Remember our prices are as low and lower than in

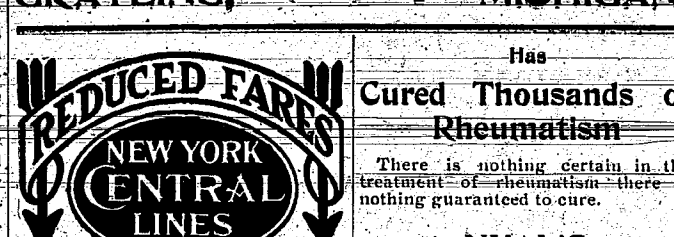
the larger cities. A fine line of Boys Knee Pants, from age 4, to 17, at 50 cents a pair, and some at 25 cents a pair, Children Wash Suits at 50 cents worth 75 cents.

Ladies' we have just received a fine line of Ladies' Waists, white lawn, in order to let the ladies know that we sell them, we will sell 75 cents White Lawn Ladies Waist for 50 cents, \$1.50 waist for 99 cents, Ladies Muslin Night Gowns, worth \$1.50 for \$1.00; Ladies Corset Cover 25 cents; extra fine White Aprons 25 cents, fine White Ladies' Underskirts, you must see them, \$1.50 skirts for 99 cents; Ladies' Under-vests, 10 cents; here is a bargain, 50 cent Dressing Gowns for 25 cents, get one before they are gone; fine white and colored Silk Ribbon, wide 10 cents per yard; Ladies Black Hattingbone Petticoats, others get \$1.50, we sell them at 99 cents. We also received a big line of Ladies' Mens' and Childrens' Handkerchiefs, and a lot of other goods that we can't mention.

Come and save money, and buy all new goods and up-to-date.

BRENNER'S CASH STORE

The Laboring Man's Saving Bank
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.



Michigan Central
HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS

to the
SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST
WEST AND SOUTH-WEST

Tickets on sale April 18, 1911

Final return limit 25 days. To points in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, on the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Norfolk & Western, or Virginian Ry., return limit 29 days.

Delightful Rail and Water
CIRCUIT TOURS

Galveston, Tex.; Mexico
City, Mex.; Mobile, Ala.,
and New Orleans, La.

Reduced Fares for the Round Trip.
Rail to New York water to destination, rail to starting point or vice versa. Tickets now on sale only, except to Mexico City, commencing May 7, 1911. No. 182 April 17

Manistee & N. E. R. R.
Time Card

In effect Jan. 26, 1911.

Read Down. Read Up.

P. M. P. M.
2.25 1v Grayling ar 1.25
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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, APR. 13

Local and Neighboring News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A following of your name means we want your money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday forenoon, and can not be considered later.

Read Sorrento's Wall Paper Ad.

WANTED—A new-milch cow. Enquire of Ph. Mosher.

Sweet cream at Brink's Grocery.

Call on George Langevin for dry wood, to be promptly delivered.

A. Kraus & Son have a new Ad. in this issue for Easter Bargains.

Read Hathaway's new Ad. in this issue.

Brenner's Cash Store offers bargains on page four.

Geo. Langevin delivers St. Charles coal at your house. Phone 591.

All the sweet cream you want at Brink's Grocery.

FOR SALE—Four houses in the village of Grayling, for particulars see address: J. ROSSON, 2421st.

St. Charles Coal is the best ever brought to this market. For sale by Geo. Langevin, Phone No. 591.

Two houses for sale, for particulars inquire of Mrs. H. Joseph, at her residence.

FOR SALE—Cheap, One top buggy, good condition, and one single driving harness. Inquire at S. S. Phelps, Jr.

FOR SALE—Three desirable lots in Rosses addition to village of Grayling, for prices etc. inquire of Mrs. J. B. Woodburn.

Mrs. E. F. Watson was called to the south part of the state last week, on account of the death of her sister, who will be remembered here as Viva Swan.

The Grange will give an Easter Dinner at G. A. R. Hall, Saturday, April 15, from eleven to one o'clock. Everybody invited to come and get a square meal. April 2.

Lame Shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Gentlemen when you get ready for a new suit, call in and see Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop over Colgate Restaurant. A. E. Hendrickson, jan1924

FOR SALE—A good six room house and four lots in a good location and good repair, for \$800.00, a good deal less than the house would cost today, call on or address

E. H. WAINWRIGHT.

FOR SALE—Thirteen fine building lots—one hundred dollars and upwards. Dwelling house on lots one and two. Young orchard in bearing, any one or all lots will be sold. For particulars have a talk with Wright Havens, Grayling, Mich.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Racine, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for coughs, colds and croup." For sale by all dealers.

The Ladies Union of the Presbyterian Church wishes to thank the merchants and citizens of Grayling, also the Avalanche, for their liberal donations and patronage which helped to make our fair a financial success, which amounted to \$171.66.

When a medicine must be pleasant to young children it should be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made of just sugar and the flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all dealers.

We have arranged with The Weekly Inter-Ocean and Farmer so that our patrons can secure that sterling paper together with our own, at the exceedingly low price of \$1.75 for one year. This is a rare opportunity and should be taken advantage of.

FOR SALE—A full line of buggies and harness for sale at my livery barn. A few second hand buggies, and anything you want, new, from the factory. Call and I'll show you. And what you want in stock and in the factory. Geo. Langevin, jan23

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much disease. Keep your bowels regular and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often sends a little reminder in the form of Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all dealers.

I have bought the entire grocery stock of Elias Body, with all store accounts to him, which are to be paid to me. New stock has been put in, and I am prepared to meet all calls. Come and see me at the grocery store on the south side of the river.

Feb 23. WALTER JOHNSON.

In cases of rheumatism relief from pain makes sleep and rest possible. This may be obtained by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

The Board of Supervisors will meet next Monday for organization for their year's work.

Mrs. Crandall can supply you with mineral cleaner to clean your rugs and carpets. Call or phone.

50 pair of Boy's Pants, value 50c. to \$1.25, will be sold Saturday at 38c. a pair. Salling, Hanson, Co.

Last Monday was the first ideal spring day of the year, and everybody seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson, now of Manatee, are visiting at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Peterson.

Messrs. Frank and E. P. Richardson, of South Branch, were doing business with our Probate Court Monday.

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The icy condition of the walks for two days last week was responsible for several of our citizens getting severe falls.

Atty J. B. Ross of West Branch was here on legal business Monday. He is becoming a familiar figure in our village.

Supervisor Barber, of Frederic, was in town Monday looking at the results of the election of the late election was not displeasing to him.

Three drunks, foreign to this county, were taken in off the ice last Saturday by the sheriff's force. They all came from a dry county.

Geo. Smith, of Frederic, was in the village the first of this week. He has some lumbering contracts in view, which may help him to provide food for the family.

Cleaning up time is here. Some of our citizens are already at work on their lawns, and the street commissioner looking over the village to decide when to begin.

It is a cheering sign of future prosperity to hear our farmer friends discussing their plans for more and better farming this year, and the expansion of orcharding.

Chas. E. Stanard trots out a pair of general purpose black horses which look as though they might do for "mill" or "teaming." He proposes to do general team work this summer, but says that good horses cost money.

The marriage of Wilhelm Raab and Miss Laura Nelson was consummated last evening in the Danish Lutheran Church, and the happy couple started for Denmark on the midnight train, loaded with good wishes. Will tell you more next week.

Miss Carrie Johnson, formerly in the office of Salling, Hanson & Co., is at her old desk, and with Miss Elmer Christensen will see that everything is done during the absence of William Ross on his trip to the old world with his bride.

Conductor Harry Pond, of the M. C., was in the village the first of the week. He has been living at Wolverine for some time, running the log branches, and drawing this way over the hill. He will probably move back here with his family as soon as school closes. They will be welcome.

"Old Glory" went to the top of the Court Yard mast last Monday at 9 o'clock A. M. in honor of the opening of the Circuit Court, but the Calendar was so small, and the necessity of the Court being in session for three days on account of the Tax issue, a recess was immediately taken to one o'clock p. m. Tuesday.

The Township Board, Highway Commissioner and Citizens who are interested in highway improvement, are having informal discussion about having which may result in much more permanent work than ever before. The Village needs it, the County demands it, and it is true economy. Patchwork is expensive and never satisfactory.

Mrs. Addie Patterson, a child playmate of our better half, and schoolmate for years, and lifelong friend, now living at Pottsford in this state, returned to her home yesterday, after gladdening our home with a two months' visit. Everybody in the house was glad to see the "girl" on whom as they lived over again their lives of more than half a century.

Geo. Leonard met with a serious accident last week, by being struck by a lever on the log carriage in the big mill, cutting and bruising his face. The lever was thrown up in some way by being struck by the "nigger," as it was thrown to turn a log. One of the boys said later, "It was another quarrel between a white man and a nigger, and the nigger won." George will never be quite so pretty as before.

A terrible accident, the result of which was relieved by death last Sunday, occurred on the M. C. R. R. between Grayling and Vanderburg. A father and two sons, named Knochars, started from their farm home to attend church at Grayling, and were overtaken by a freight train which was nearly stalled, and moving slowly, coming up the steep grade north of Grayling, when the train attempted to get on board, the oldest boy, 19, Walter, in some way missed his hold and was thrown on the tracks in front of the caboose, and crushed under the rear trucks. He was taken to Grayling, and wired to Dr. Insley, who met the special here, and in an hour from the time of the accident, the unfortunate young man was in the hospital, but to late for any earthly aid, and in five minutes he was dead, not having been removed from the stretcher in which he had been tenderly carried to the hospital.

How To Grow Alfalfa.

I commenced growing alfalfa ten years ago, and have now 120 acres growing and it is doing fine. I shall seed 30 acres more in the spring. When I commenced growing alfalfa I inoculated the seed with chemical bacteria obtained from the United States department of agriculture, but my alfalfa did not grow much the first year and looked yellow and sickly, and the next year it did not do anything up to the 20th of June, and I could see that some of it was dying out, so I sent down to Southern Indiana and purchased two tons of alfalfa seed from a farmer, which he claimed he took from a ditch he dug through his seven-year-old field, the cost me \$30 per ton including freight. I sowed the seed broadcast, by hand, over my alfalfa, and to my surprise in less than four weeks the alfalfa commenced growing rapidly and all turned green and has been dark green all over the field ever since. I have cut from this field for the last five or six years about four tons per acre or the nicest hay ever made.

The question has been asked many times, "when is the best time to sow alfalfa seed?" and I will here give some of my experience. Nine years ago I had a ten acre field of peas and after I harvested the peas I plowed the ground and fitted it in nice shape and sowed it to alfalfa, this being about the 20th of August. I got a nice catch, but the freezing in the fall and spring killed it, so I had to seed it that spring and since that time I sowed no more alfalfa in the fall. It is a very tender plant, and needs all the root it can get in one year's growth to pull it through the first winter.

Since then I sow my alfalfa in June, which, I believe, is the best time in this climate and without a nurse crop at that.

I have the best success with corn ground for alfalfa. I keep the corn as free from weeds as I possibly can, cut the corn with a hoe, so there will be no stubble, and as soon as it is dry enough the following spring I put on a sharp spring-tooth drag and harrow the ground every two weeks up to the 15th of June and at the same time I have inoculated the ground with soil from my oldest alfalfa field, by putting on at least a ton of soil to the acre, then sow about 15 pounds to the acre. My experience is that where I inoculated my ground with a ton or more of soil to the acre, I can cut a good crop of hay the first season, and where I inoculate light, I can not cut any hay the first season, and the hay will be light the second and third seasons, so I know it pays me to inoculate heavy.

I have been asked many times, "what will you do when you want to break up your alfalfa?" My answer is, "I hope I may never be so foolish as to want to break up my alfalfa," for I consider land worth \$100 per acre more where there is a good stand of alfalfa. A good stand of alfalfa will cut, at a low estimate, three tons of hay per acre annually, and again at a low estimate, the hay will bring on an average of \$12 a ton (I am selling for \$20 per ton). At \$12 per ton it will amount to \$36 per acre annually, and no plowing or seeding at all, and your alfalfa getting heavier each year for years to come. I would ask where you get better returns for your \$12 than that. In Germany they call alfalfa live-forever clover on account of its long life.

Some claim you can inoculate your ground by mixing a small portion of alfalfa seed with your red clover seed and sow together, and the alfalfa will inoculate itself so that it impregnates the ground sufficiently with the bacteria peculiar to alfalfa to grow alfalfa thereafter without inoculation. I say that theory is absurd; there is nothing in it. If the seed has no bacteria in it and none in the ground, I beg to ask where does it come from? There must be a little nucleus of bacteria from which the plant can borrow in order to get a start. Seven years ago I seeded 15 acres in the spring to red clover with no nurse crop and for an experiment I mixed some alfalfa seed with the red clover seed and sowed it together. The alfalfa came up nice and did fairly well for a while, until it needed the aid of bacteria and could not find any, therefore it naturally starved to death; but not until the third season. I advise my farmer friends not to try that scheme.

SANFORD GASSAR.

Kicked By A Mad Horse.

Samuel Birch, of Beetown, Wis., had a most narrow escape from losing his leg as no doctor could heal the frightful sore that developed, but at last Buckler's Arnica Salve cured it completely. In the greatest healer of bites, burns, boils, eczema, scalds, cuts, sores, cold sores, bruises, and piles on earth. Try it, 25c at A. M. Lewis & Co.

Decision.

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side.

Some great causes, God's new Messias, offering each the bloom or blight, Parts the goats upon the left hand, And the sheep upon the right; And the choice goes for forever, 'twixt the darkness and that light.

—1875 for a Fox Skin.

A fine silver fox skin, 33 1/2 inch long, brought to the attention of the February 2, 1924, in the most skin shown there in some years. It was purchased by a dealer for \$1,075.—The News.

Quality is always worth its PRICE AT GOODROW'S you will find QUALITY in stock QUALITY in fit and QUALITY in workmanship.

Ladies' and Misses' Shoes at fair price. Call and be convinced and examine the new line of the

Queen Quality shoe.

There's a treat in store for you if you have not met Big Ben. You may have read his Ads in the big magazines, but these are not half strong enough. I don't think they begin to do him justice.

In fact, no Ad can, so I won't attempt to write one about him. This announcement is simply an invitation for you to walk by my store and meet him.

\$2.50

is the price you pay for him, but he is worth double that amount when service is taken into consideration.

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C. J. Hathaway JEWELER & OPTICIAN GRAYLING, MICH.

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Garden & Green Houses

JOHN H. COOK, Prop'r

THIS WEEK.

LETTUCE AND CABBAGE.

Come down this week and look at my Easter Collection of potted plants including Easter Lillies and Roses.

PHONE 444.

Choice

Meats

Fresh or Smoked

Delivered to

Your Kitchen

Phone No. 2

Have you tried our Home-Smoked Hams?

We sell them whole or sliced.

Yours for the

Asking.

Peoples Market

F. H. MILLS Prop'r.

E-A-S-T-E-R is now upon us. Only a few days more to prepare yourself for your Easter and spring apparel.



Here is what we have for you gentlemen in 1911, Spring Models.

We are featuring Schloss, Baltimore Clothes, because at each price they represent a standard of value higher than any other.

And there are other things you'll want to see, New Hats, soft and stiff, New Shirts, New Ties, Silk Hose, Spring Weight Underwear.

The New Toes in Shoes and Ox-fords are now here, in Black and tan, button or lace.

Ladies' Suits

The new short coats in the late styles are shown.

Spring Coats for Misses and Children.

Childrens dresses in wash fabric for school and dress wear.

Millinery

Some Stunning Shapes in Ladies Spring Hats.

Wash Fabrics

Our line of wash materials, in Gingham, Lawns, Batistes, and Moll comprises everything that is desired.



Better not experiment---come here instead "The Store of Quality."

GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

M. E. Church.

Sunday, April 16, 1911.

The regular services at the M. E. church for next Sunday are as follows:

10.30 a. m. Public Service. Subject "No Resurrection? No Christianity."

11.45 a. m. Sunday School. 3.00 p. m. No Junior League.

6.30 p. m. Epworth League. Subject "Prayer the Greatest of Missionary Forces."

Leader—Miss Florence Smith. 7.30 p. m. Public service.

The Annual Sunday School Missionary Service.

7.40 p. m. Thursday, General Prayer Meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Non-Church goers are especially invited.

JAMES IVEY, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, April 16, 1911.

Mid week prayer meeting, Thursday 7.30 p. m.

Preaching at 10.30 a. m.—Subject—An Easter sermon with special music both in the church and Sunday School.

Sabbath School at 11.45 a. m. A. B. Felling, Supt.

Christian Endeavor, at 6.00 p. m. Subject—"The Spirit of the Resurrection."

Preaching service 7.00 p. m. Subject will be announced Sunday morning.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. HUMPHREY FLEMING, Pastor.

Lovell's Locals.

A. C. Ryburn, of Aurora, Ill., arrived Wednesday morning and stopped at the ranch two days.

Mrs. Lee, manager of the Boush place, arrived Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Joseph Douglas made a business trip to Grayling Friday.

Monday afternoon the post office building caught fire. The fire was discovered before it gained much headway. By the timely aid of Mr. Soranton and others the fire was extinguished with a slight loss on the roof.

Mrs. Douglas, of Grayling, is the guest of her aunt, May Simms.

Mr. Kellogg was in town Friday. He is looking after Mr. Keel's stock, and interests on his ranch.

T. B. Douglas returned from Saginaw Wednesday.

The storm, Tuesday broke. Mr. Ward's telephone line in four places. It could not support the ice that formed on the line.

DAN.

Never Out Of Work.

The busiest little thing ever made are Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health that changes weakness into strength, languor into energy, brain-fog into mental power during Constipation, Headache, Chills, Dyspepsia, Malaria. Only 25c at A. M. Lewis & Co.

Ceresota Flour!

Same as always, The Best.

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"STAYING" - MICHIGAN.

France is flying well to the front.
Fashion is willing to be hobbled but not harnessed.

The harem-scarum skirt has certainly been well advertised.
"Man wants the little here below." The poet didn't mention women.

There are 411,322 federal offices and still not enough to go around.

"It has been found that radium will kill a cat." But drowning is cheaper.

The harem skirt may be something to wear besides being something to talk about.

New York's 52-story building is carrying the elevator business to a limit and almost to the stars.

These government statistics will convince even the farmers before long that agriculture is profitable.

Our idea of no place to start an umbrella factory is on Mars. Prof. Lowell says it never rains there.

"Don't eat when you're tired," says a magazine writer. That's the kind of advice that makes us tired.

And if they put pockets in the pantaloons skirt it's our bet that she'll stand with her hands in 'em, too.

That Chicago lawyer who wants to legislate against the harem skirt must never have tripped over a fair woman's train.

Now that a high-browed professor has ascertained that colds cost only \$4.34 this spring, look out for a bargain-counter rush.

Profanity is not to be legislated from the New York stage. In other words, in some of the plays all of the jokes are not to be cut out.

Are there not small, rocky islands where powder mills might go away by themselves and explode without interfering with the neighbors?

The proposed law to prevent loveless marriages results "the usual question: 'What is love?' Likewise, how can it be made permanent?"

Twenty-one professors at the University of Moscow have been forced to resign by striking students. Russia must be a gladstone place for a student.

American hellebasses are waiting for an advance list of King George's appointments of 600 new radical peers. Some of them will be laborites, no doubt.

An eastern savant tells us fat men rarely are criminals. Julius Caesar had the same idea—at least according to Shakespeare, or Bacon, or whoever it was.

A skeleton found in England is said to be 100,000 years old. This may be remarkable, but is there any limit to the age that a skeleton may eventually attain?

The Chicago girl who got into print on the assumption that she wanted to marry an Indian has gone on the vaudeville stage. Might have known it from the start.

A New Jersey dog catcher proposes to get on with an aeroplane. Then to the other triumphs of aeronautics will be added that of a bark sailing through the air.

The coronation of King George will introduce special styles in hats, says an exchange, which is tough luck for the man who was planning to wear last year's straw again.

A woman who was described by her artist husband as a "modern Venus" has just been awarded \$25 a month alimony. Well, all Venuses are supposed to be more or less broke.

If the day-of-the-harem-skirt has arrived it will come in regardless of jeans and friendly or unfriendly legislation. If it has not come then all the advanced women in the world cannot force it.

A Massachusetts chief-of-police wants the ducking-stool revived for feminine scolds. He will want it still more when the tongues he would thus restrain have finished their assaults upon him.

A Chicago matron avers that a breach of promise suit against her husband merely amuses her. However, that form of amusement is not likely to become generally popular among the matrons.

A New Jersey woman in an allegation-of-affections suit recently recovered \$2,000 for the loss of her husband's love. And many of her sisters will probably consider her a lucky woman, more to be envied than pitied.

Now a woman speaker comes forward to say that it is the icebox, not the ballot box, which should interest women. To the average woman who wants to enlarge her sphere, encouraged by warm enthusiasm, this will seem but cold advice.

A bull fighter in Seville ran away with a popular dancer, literally snatching her from the stage, as her dancing costume was covered with a cloak. This shows that the bold Luchavero has succeeded in taking the bull by the horns in any dilemma.

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Control and Publicity for Public Service Corporations.

VERDICT OF PROMINENT MAN

Theodore N. Vall, President of Western Union and Telephone Companies, Recognizes Rights of the American Public.

Public regulation of public service corporations has come to stay, it ought to have come and it ought to stay. That is the flat and unequivocal assertion of Theodore N. Vall, president of both the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Union Telegraph company. It came in the form of his annual report to the seventy thousand stockholders of the two great corporations. Although Mr. Vall's advocacy of full publicity in connection with the affairs of such concerns was well understood, nobody in financial circles had anticipated so frank an avowal of full public rights in the shaping of their general conduct. It came, consequently, as a surprise, not only because of its novelty and squareness, but also on account of the unqualified acquiescence of a board of directors comprising such eminent and conservative financiers as Robert Wilson, of Kidder, Peabody & Co., and Henry L. Higginson of Boston; Henry P. Davidson of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Senator W. Murray Crane, George F. Baer, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., Norman W. Harris, John F. Waterbury and others.

President Vall's declaration is heralded as the first recognition by those in high corporate authority of the justice of the demand that the public be regarded as virtual partners in all matters that pertain to the common welfare. He goes directly to the point. "Public control or regulation of public service corporations by permanent commissions," he says, "has come and come to stay. Control or regulation, to be effective, means publicity. It means semi-public discussion and consideration before action. It means everything which is the opposite of and inconsistent with effective competition. Competition—aggressive, effective competition—means freedom, industrial warfare; it means contention; it oftentimes means taking advantage of or resorting to any means that the conscience of the contestants or the degree of the enforcement of the laws will permit.

"Aggressive competition means duplication of plant and investment. The ultimate object of such competition is the possession of the field wholly or partially; therefore it means either ultimate combination or, with such basis and with such prices as will cover just losses, or it means loss of return on investment, and eventual loss of capital. However it results, all costs of aggressive, uncontrolled competition are borne by the public.

"Competition, which is not aggressive, presupposes co-operative action, understanding, agreements, which result in general uniformity or harmony of action, which, in fact, is not competition but is combination, unstable, but for the time effective. When thoroughly understood it will be found that 'control' will give more of the benefits and public advantages, which are expected to be obtained through such ownership, and will obtain them without the public burden of either the public office-holder or public debt or operating deficit.

"When through a wise and judicious state control and regulation all the advantages of state ownership are secured, state ownership is justified.

"If Mr. Vall is right," says *Harper's Weekly*, in a concise summary, "then it seems pretty plain that we are entered upon a new era in both economic and political. And it is high time we did it. Evolution is to supplant revolution as an efficient force in the development of civilization."

Fighting Man.
"It is man's nature to fight. It is his merit to fight for what he believes to be right. Courage and bravery are not achieved by hiring a lawyer. A man who is not willing to fight to the death for the right or for his own is not as good or complete a man as one who is willing. But opinions about this are not so important as the fact that it is man's nature to fight, and that neither resolutions nor legislation nor provision to get over all kinds of trouble in any other way than fighting will avail.—Ellwood Hendricks, in *Atlantic*.

More to the Purpose.
"Are you in favor of a ten-hour day?"
"I don't care anything about the day," replied young Rounderly. "But it would be a jolly good thing if we could have 24-hour nights."

Misguided Energy.
"I am bound to make a noise in the world," said the determined youth.
"But be careful how you go about it," replied Mr. Orange Spouter. "An amateur with a bass drum can spoil the finest symphony ever written."

Joyous Economist.
"You don't mind high prices?"
"No," replied the resolute philosopher. "When prices are high, think how much money you save every time you decide to get along without something."

No Great Matter.
"How do you like this grand opera, Bill?"
"I can't understand what they are saying."
"That's all right. You ain't missing no jokes."

So Unexpected.
"Your wife has received some sudden shock. What has happened?"
"I don't know, doctor. I came home early last night."
"Ah, that presumably accounts for it."

50 MINERS DIE IN FIRE.

Men Trapped in Burning Pines Mine Near Scampton, Pa.

RECALL MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL PASSES HOUSE WITH OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

ALL THREE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1912.

All efforts to amend them, except change in date of submission, are defeated.

The initiative, referendum and recall were passed by the house this afternoon after three propositions relating to governing minorities, which was unexpected. Only a few minor changes were made in the three bills, the most important being that the propositions shall be submitted at the fall election in 1912, instead of next spring, and that all petitions must be signed by registered voters.

Legislative initiative and referendum, which provides that legislation may be initiated upon the petition of 20 per cent of the registered voters and that measures passed by the legislature must be submitted to a referendum vote upon a similar petition, was passed 74 to 30.

The constitutional initiative resolution, which provides that amendments to the constitution may be proposed by a vote of 25 per cent of the registered voters was passed 72 to 21, while the recall, which provides that all elective officers may be recalled after six months and members of the legislature after five days, upon a petition of 40 per cent of the electors based on the vote for secretary of state, thus forcing the person recalled to stand for another election, also went through easily.

Michigan Second in Beet Sugar.

Michigan is rapidly becoming the leading beet sugar producing state in the union. Last season, 1910-11, she produced 16,816 long tons, or 300,555 pounds, an increase of over 20,000 tons over the season of 1908-9. California alone exceeds Michigan, with 129,950 tons. Colorado was a poor third, whereas last year she was in second place.

These figures, enormous as they seem, mean scarcely a ripple in the sugar market of the United States. The United States was 45,220 long tons, and this amount, reaching well towards one billion pounds, does not supply one thirty-fifth of the amount consumed in the United States. Michigan does not come within supplying one-fifth of her own demands.

But the growth of the industry is checked only by the ability of the so-called "sugar trust" to regulate prices. There is now a belief that the "trust," being itself now interested in beet sugar, will eventually expand that industry. Michigan alone could quadruple its product and still supply only itself.

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EVEN JULES VERNE A PIKER

When I was a boy, "Around the World in Eighty Days" was still a brilliant piece of imaginative fiction. Now that is almost an invalid's pace. It will not be very long before a man will be able to go around the world. He wishes to do so ten times in a year.

CHAPTER XIV

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The Red-Bound Book

VERNE A PIKER

Now, the really wonderful thing in this development of cheap, abundant, swift locomotion we have seen in the last 70 years: the development of which—Mauretanias, aeroplanes, mille-a-minute expresses, omnibus tubes and motor cars are just the bright remark-

able points, is this—that it dissolves almost all the reason and necessity

Why men should go on this point, frequently in any one place or rigidly disciplined to one set of conditions.

We are off the chain of locality for good. It was once necessary for a man to live in immediate contact with his occupation; because the only way for him to reach it was to have it at his door. Now he may live 20 or 30 miles away from his occupation, and it often pays him to spend the small amount of time and money needed to

move—it may be half way round the world—to healthier conditions or more

Care of Books.
Books are frequently ruined through carelessness. This is less in the handling often than upon the shelves. Books should not be packed tightly on a shelf. It ruins the back and causes them to tear loose with the strain of getting in and out. Often it forces the leaves to sag to the shelf.

when pushed unduly. It is just as bad for books to be too loose on a shelf,

A bookcase with the contents at every angle is not a pleasing sight. There are some housekeepers who think a yearly dusting of books—not housecleaning time sufficient. This is bad enough when they are kept under glass; when on open shelves it means ruin to valuable books. It takes little longer to dust the backs and tops of books on each shelf every day. Use

shake it frequently.

Grim Jest of the Butcher.
That a butcher is not always totally devoid of humor is indicated by the remark of one of them, who said: "The best way to reduce the butcher's bill is to pay a little on it now and then."—New Orleans Item.

Needs It in His Business.
A liar should have a good memory.—Quintillian.

and perfectly, and to do the work for which it was intended.

—Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
Read "The Road to Wellville," 100 pages, "There's a Reason."
Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. These are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

